

GUIDE TO POUND MSS. II

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The Pound mss. II, 1900-1973, consist primarily of letters sent to poet Ezra Loomis Pound, 1885-1972, and to his wife, Dorothy Shakespear Pound, 1886-1973. The majority of the correspondence, including drafts of Ezra or Dorothy Pound's responses, is dated between 1946 and 1958, or the years of Ezra's confinement in a federal mental institution, St. Elizabeths Hospital in Washington, D.C.

The earlier correspondence is miscellaneous and fragmentary, both in the writers represented and in the continuity of the letters. Of the pre-1946 material only the correspondence of Basil Bunting would appear to be a complete, or nearly complete, file. There are a few early letters from T.S. Eliot, Viola (Baxter) Jordan, James Laughlin, and one from William Carlos Williams, but the greater number of all of their letters date during the St. Elizabeths period. Most of the early items are addressed to Dorothy Pound and include medical bills and receipts, some banking and passport application records, and letters from the head mistress of the school in England that Pound's son Omar attended as a child. There are a few letters written to Dorothy prior to her marriage and some that were sent to her mother, Olivia Shakespear. Most notable in both these instances are letters from William Butler Yeats.

The St. Elizabeths correspondence is characterized by its diversity in writer and content, and by its bulk. Correspondents present in the files range from aspiring young poets seeking Pound's advice and counsel (e.g., Paul Blackburn, Robert Creeley, W.S. Merwin) to prominent authors with international reputations (Richard Aldington, Wyndham Lewis, Marianne Moore); from accomplished musicians, linguists and scholars, to young students, clerics, artists, and fanatics about one cause or another. It has been remarked that "the world came to Pound" in these years as total strangers, new acquaintances, and long-term colleagues and friends corresponded, and more often than not, visited him. They kept him in touch with, and informed about, the outside world even more than did his voluminous reading. The files are replete with requests for permission to visit him and with offers to bring or send along anything he might wish to have, particularly in the way of reading matter.

Not content with writing to Pound every few days, several of his correspondents enclosed letters written to them by other people. Many of these "third party" correspondents were unknown to Pound, but they frequently came into direct contact with him within a very short time of his reading their notes or comments. Felix Giovanelli, David Horton, Dallam Simpson, and George T. Slavin were particularly fond of forwarding the letters of others.

The primary arrangement of the collection is alphabetical by name of correspondent. Following this group are the chronologically arranged items dating from 1907-1973. Correspondents represented in the files include: Beatrice Abbott, Léonie Adams, Olivia (Rossetti) Agresti, Richard Aldington, Mary Barnard, Natalie Clifford Barney, Margaret Jane Bates, Sylvia Beach, Agnes Bedford, Montgomery Belgion, John Edgar Berry, William Augustus Bird, Elizabeth Bishop, Paul Blackburn, Douglas Geoffrey Bridson, Basil Bunting, Witter Bynner, Lina Caico, Huntington Cairns, Thomas H. Carter, Amiya Chandra Chakravarty, Cyril Clemens, Thomas Cole,

William Cookson, Julien Cornell, Nancy Cox-McCormack, Hubert Creekmore, Robert Creeley, Edward Estlin Cummings, Marion (Morehouse) Cummings, Nancy Clara Cunard, Ruth E. Dickie, Hilda Doolittle, John Drummond, Louis Dudek, Robert Edward Duncan, Ronald Frederick Henry Duncan, Peter Francis du Sautoy, Ferdinand Pinney Earle, John Bowen Edwards, John Hamilton Edwards, Esmé Valerie (Fletcher) Eliot, Thomas Stearns Eliot, Clark Mixon Emery, Hugo R. Fack, Achilles Fang, Mark John Farrelly, James Finley, Rolf Gerhard Fjelde, Rudd Fleming, William French, Donald Clifford Gallup, Raymonde Gaspard-Michel, G. Dryden Gilling Smith, Felix Bruno Giovanelli, Giovanni Giovannini, James Herrick Gipson, Robert Giroux, David McCall Gordon, Edith Hamilton, Willis Meeker Hawley, Eva Hesse, Harriet Quick (Wynkoop) Hoover, David Horton, Marvine Henrietta Howe, William Howley, Raymond Hughes, Patricia Hutchins, Gladys Hynes, Kate Isherwood, Viola (Baxter) Jordan, James Joyce, John Kasper, Hugh Kenner, Katue Kitasono, Craig LaDrière, James Laughlin, Wyndham Lewis, Levi Robert Lind, Robert Lowell, Robert McAlmon, Robert Mercer MacGregor, Jackson MacLow, Herbert Marshall McLuhan, Edith A. Madge, Frederic Manning, Ida Bigler Mapel, Aida Juliette Mastrangelo, Harry Monroe Meacham, William Moelwyn Merchant, William Stanley Merwin, Arthur V. Moore, Frank Ledlie Moore, Marianne Moore, Virginia Moore, Frederick Morgan, Gerhart Muench, Vera Lawson Muench, Eustace Clarence Mullins, Barbara Norville, Edgar Obermer, Charles Olson, Nerina Pagliettini, D.D. Paige, Donald J. Paquette, J. Atherton Parkyn, Beulah (Busha) Patterson, Norman Holmes Pearson, Camillo Pellizzi, Dorothy (Shakespear) Pound, Ezra Loomis Pound, Homer Loomis Pound, Isabel (Weston) Pound, Sister Mary Bernetta Quinn, Kathleen Jessie Raine, Dachine Rainer, Forrest Godfrey Read, Michael Reck, John Reid, John Rodker, Walter Morse Rummel, Peter Russell, Raymond Murray Schafer, Giovanni Scheiwiller, John G. Scott, Laurence Scott, Bride (Adams) Scratton, Allan Seaton, Else Lübcke Seel, Charles Shuts, Dallam Simpson, George T. Slavin, Theodore Spencer, Noel Stock, Clara Studer, Henry S. Swabey, Tiffany Ellsworth Thayer, Ernest Tino Trova, Giambattista Vicari, Luigi Villari, Florence (Herman) Williams, William Carlos Williams, Elizabeth Winslow, Max Wykes-Joyce, Donald Wyman, Stéphane de Yankowska, Stanislaw V. Yankowski, William Butler Yeats.

In addition to materials received by Dorothy or Ezra there are numerous notes, usually in Ezra's hand, directing responses to letters or just reacting to some statement in them. Occasionally these are marginal notations on the original letter; more often they are all but incoherent scribbles on envelopes or any scrap of paper immediately available. These notes may be found with the correspondence of the intended recipient in Ezra Pound's file in the alphabetical arrangement and in the "correspondence notes" near the end of the collection. Several folders of miscellaneous materials, including pieces of art work, music, photographs and some printed items, complete this main body of the collection.

The final section of the collection consists of a group of letters, 1919-1940, from Ezra Pound (a few are from Dorothy Pound) to musician Agnes Bedford, -1969. Bedford, a long-time friend of the Pounds, collaborated with Ezra on musical compositions. Many of the letters reflect their mutual interests and their work together during the 1920's and 30's. This file does not relate to those letters from Bedford to the Pounds that are in the main portion of the collection.

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Boxes 1-19: Alphabetical Correspondence Files

Box 1: A-Bn

Abbott, Beatrice, 1948-1955
Agresti, Olivia (Rossetti), 1950-1958
Aldington, Richard, 1951-1962
Andreae, Pima, 1947-1951
Bacigalupo, Elfriede, 1932-1972
Barnard, Mary, 1940-1969 (4 folders)
Bates, Margaret Jane, 1951-1953
Beckwith, Osmond, 1947-1951
Bedford, Agnes, 1938-1969
Belgion, Montgomery, 1948-1962
Benatti, Ina, 1946-1957
Berry, John Edgar, 1946-1953
Bing, Gladys, 1947-1953
Blackburn, Paul, 1949-1952

Box 2: Bo-Coq

Bottini, Piere Ruggeri, 1947-1973
Bunting, Basil, 1932-1972 (6 folders)
Busha, Thomas, 1948-1973
Butchart, G. Reeves, 1934-1953
Caico, Lina, 1945-1951
Cairns, Huntington and Florence, 1948-1952 (3 folders)
Carter, Thomas H., 1951-1960
Chakravarty, Amiya Chandra, 1948-1953
Chase National Bank, 1933-1956
Clemens, Cyril, 1949-1973
Cole, Thomas, 1949-1961
Cookson, William, 1960-1973 (2 folders)

Box 3: Cor-Dum

Cornell, Julien, 1945-1969 (4 folders)
Cox-McCormack, Nancy, 1949-1957
Creeley, Robert, 1949-1952 (2 folders)
Crompton, Yorke, 1952-1953
Crook, Louisa, 1938-1950
cummings, e.e. and Marion, 1945-1956 (3 folders)
Defenders of the American Constitution, 1966-1968
Dickie, Ruth E., 1928-1972
Doolittle, Hilda, 1911-1961
Drummond, John, 1933-1952

Dudek, Louis, 1949-1953 (3 folders)
Dudek, Stephanie (Zuperko), 1951-1953

Box 4: Dun-Fh

Duncan, Robert Edward, 1947-1950
Duncan, Ronald Frederick Henry and Rose Marie, 1939-1969 (4 folders)
Dunn, James Taylor, 1936-1938
Earle, Ferdinand Pinney, 1946-1950
Edwards, John Bowen, 1950-1953
Edwards, John Hamilton, 1950-1953
Eliot, Esmé Valerie (Fletcher), 1965-1972
Eliot, Thomas Stearns, 1920-1963 (5 folders)
Faber & Faber, 1939-1970
Fack, Hugo R., 1945-1954
Fang, Achilles, 1950-1956 (2 folders)

Box 5: Fi-G

Finley, James, 1946-1950 (2 folders)
Fjelde, Rolf Gerhard, 1947-1952
Fleming, Rudd, 1949-1953
Foote, Homer, 1949-1961
French, William, 1951-1955 (3 folders)
Frobenius, Editha and Sebastian, 1949-1962
Gallup, Donald Clifford, 1961-1973
"Gege," 1955-1956
Gerhardt, Rainer M., 1950-1953
Gilling Smith, G. Dryden, 1950-1953
Giovannelli, Felix Bruno, 1948-1952 (5 folders)
Giovannini, Giovanni and Margaret, 1951-1973
Gipson, James Herrick, 1951-1965
Gordon, David McCall, 1952-1973
Grainger-Kerr, M.E., 1925-1949

Box 6: H-Ht

Hawley, Willis Meeker, 1946-1961 (2 folders)
Hesse, Eva, 1950-1973 (8 folders)
Hoover, Harriet Quick (Wynkoop) and Norman, 1933-1953
Horton, David, 1947-1973 (7 folders)
Howe, Marvine Henrietta, 1950-1953
Howley, William, 1948-1973

Box 7: Hu-Jordan, 1949, May

Hughes, Raymond, 1949-1953 (2 folders)
Humphries, Rolfe, 1949
Hutchins, Patricia, 1953-1969
Hynes, Gladys, 1949-1955

Ibbotson, Joseph Darling, 1937-1951
Isherwood, Kate, 1946-1953
Jenkintown Bank, 1930-1954
Jordan, Viola (Baxter), 1936-1949, May (10 folders)

Box 8: Jordan, 1949, June-Lat
Jordan, Viola (Baxter), 1949, June-1956 (6 folders)
Kasper, John, 1950-1962 (4 folders)
Kenner, Hugh, 1948-1972 (3 folders)
Kimball, Dudley, 1950-1951
Kinney, Eileen Lane, 1946-1950
Kitasono, Katue, 1947-1955
Koch, Paul Matthew, 1950-1954
LaDrière, Craig, 1950-1969

Box 9: L-Ld
Laughlin, James, 1935-1973 (26 folders)

Box 10: Le-Mn
Lewis, Wyndham, 1925-1954
Lewis, Wyndham (transcripts, 1914-1918)
Lloyds Bank Ltd., 1946-1963
Logue, Christopher, 1952-1953
Lowell, Robert, 1947-1962
McHugh, Aida (Adams), 1950-1952
MacLow, Jackson, 1946-1951
McLuhan, Herbert Marshall, 1948-1953 (2 folders)
Madge, Edith A., 1946-1973
Manning, Frederic, 1910-1922
Mapel, Ida Bigler, 1941-1957
Martinelli, Sheri, 1952-1972
Mastrangelo, Aida Juliette, 1950-1964
Meacham, Harry Monroe, 1957-1973 (3 folders)
Merchant, William Moelwyn, 1965-1972

Box 11: Mo-O
Moore, Arthur V., 1945-1963 (4 folders)
Moore, Frank Ledlie, 1947-1952 (4 folders)
Moore, Marianne, 1946-1962 (2 folders)
Moore, Virginia, 1951-1955
Morgan, Frederick, 1949-1955
Muench, Gerhart and Vera, 1947-1953 (2 folders)
Mullins, Eustace Clarence, 1950-1964
Norville, Barbara, 1949-1953
Obermer, Edgar, 1929-1938
Odlin, R.W., 1958-1966

Olson, Charles, 1946-1949

Box 12: P-Pas

Pagliettini, Nerina, 1942-1975
Paige, D.D., 1947-1953 (15 folders)
Paquette, Donald J., 1949-1953 (4 folders)
Parkyn, J. Atherton, 1919-1939

Box 13: Pat-Rh

Patterson, Beulah (Busha), 1946-1973
Pearn, Pollinger & Higham, 1947-1952 (2 folders)
Pearson, Norman Holmes, 1947-1964 (3 folders)
Pound, Dorothy (Shakespear), 1923-1971
Pound, Ezra Loomis, 1945-1955
Pound, Ezra Loomis, horoscopes, 1957-1962?
Pound, Homer Loomis, 1924-1938
Pound, Isabel (Weston), 1925-1947
Pound, Omar Shakespear, 1947-1973
Quinn, Sister Mary Bernetta, 1950-1973 (2 folders)
Rachewiltz family, 1948-1967
Raine, Kathleen Jessie, 1951-1953
Rainer, Dachine, 1948-1955
Read, Forrest Godfrey, 1950-1967
Reck, Michael and Hanne, 1951-1972
Reid, John, 1946-1951
Reznowski, Lorne A., 1966-1972

Box 14: Ri-Sg

Ringer, Gordon, 1949-1951
Rossaro, Edgardo, 1947-1961
Russell, Peter, 1947-1962 (3 folders)
Schafer, Raymond Murray, 1961-1971
Scheiwiller, Giovanni, 1952-1972
Scott, John G., 1946-1952
Scott, Laurence, 1950-1953 (2 folders)
Scratton, Bride (Adams), 1945-1965
Seaton, Allan, 1949-1953 (2 folders)
Seel, Else Lübcke, 1947-1953, (4 folders)

Box 15: Sh-Simpson, 1947, Oct.

Shuts, Charles, 1950-1953 (15 folders)
Simpson, Dallam, 1947, Jan.-Oct. (4 folders)

Box 16: Simpson, 1947, Nov.-Slavin, 1946, Nov.

Simpson, Dallam, 1947, Nov.-1953 (12 folders)
Slavin, George T., 1946, Jan.-Nov. (5 folders)

Box 17: Slavin, 1946, Dec.-Studer, 1946
Slavin, George T., 1946, Dec.-1964 (10 folders)
Somers, Homer L., 1946-1952
Spackman, Mary, 1946-1953
Spencer, Theodore, 1946-1949
Stock, Noel and Marjorie, 1957-1972
Studer, Clara, 1946

Box 18: Studer, 1947-Tr
Studer, Clara, 1947-1966 (6 folders)
Swabey, Henry S., 1938-1973 (11 folders)
Thayer, Tiffany Ellsworth, 1945-1953 (3 folders)
Townley, Ephra, 1947-1958
Trova, Ernest Tino, 1949-1953 (2 folders)

Box 19: Ts-Z
Tsiapis, Florence, 1969-1973
Vicari, Giambattista, 1946-1961
Villari, Luigi, 1947-1957
Williams, William Carlos and Florence, 1923-1972 (8 folders)
Winslow, Elizabeth, 1952-1971 (3 folders)
Wood, Edith M., 1926-1951
Wykes-Joyce, Max and Liza, 1949-1953 (3 folders)
Yankowska, Stéphanie de, 1945-1953 (6 folders)
Yankowski, Stanislaw V., 1953-1967
Yeats, William Butler and Georgie, 1900-1938 (2 folders)

Boxes 20-24: CHRONOLOGICAL CORRESPONDENCE FILES

Box 20: 1907-1947, May (27 folders)

Box 21: 1947, June-1949, June (27 folders)

Box 22: 1949, July-1951 (29 folders)

Box 23: 1952-1962 (32 folders)

Box 24: 1963-1973 (22 folders)

Box 25: Miscellaneous: Correspondence related
Christmas and other occasional cards
Receipts, 1936-1973
Correspondence notes by Ezra Pound, 1945-1953 (27 folders)

Box 26: Correspondence and miscellaneous notes by Ezra Pound, cont. (16 folders)

Miscellaneous materials:

Art Work (2 folders)

E.P. Broadcast, Dec. 7, 1941 (transcript)

Four Pages - vol. 2, no. 5 (typescript with corrections)

Lists of names and addresses

Music

Photographs

Printed matter (3 folders)

Box 27: Letters: Ezra Pound to Agnes Bedford, 1919-1940 (14 folders)